



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Tim Walz  
Governor of the State of Minnesota  
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75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Paul Gazelka  
Majority Leader  
3113 Minnesota Senate Building  
95 University Avenue W.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Melissa Hortman  
Speaker of the House  
463 State House Office Building  
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Dear Governor Walz, Majority Leader Gazelka, and Speaker Hortman,

As you may know, the Social Security Administration (SSA) has been working nationwide to implement the Internet Social Security Number Replacement Card (iSSNRC) project. This application process allows members of the public to apply online for a replacement Social Security Number (SSN) card. SSA will compare an applicant's information with internal sources to verify the information submitted online.

There are currently 45 states who participate in this program, which has proven successful and streamlined the application process for many Americans. Unfortunately, Minnesota does not yet participate, as a change to state law is still needed for implementation. With the Minnesota Legislature back in session, we urge you to work in a bipartisan fashion to make the necessary changes to state law and implement this critical program.

We are pleased that the SSA recently met with the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety to discuss the status of iSSNRC in Minnesota. However, without the change in state law, little progress can be made.

The COVID-19 outbreak has only exacerbated the importance of such a program, with SSA field offices being closed to the public. Appointments are only possible in dire need situations. Priority is given to first-time applicants age 12 and older and those who require an SSN card to apply for other benefits or services. If you do not qualify, you must mail in your documents, creating a backlog of Minnesotans in waiting.

We appreciate your attention to this important matter, and do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Tom Emmer  
Member of Congress



Pete Stauber  
Member of Congress



Michelle Fischbach  
Member of Congress



Jim Hagedorn  
Member of Congress